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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 20, 2005 regarding the aboveidentified patent application. Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.